

SPECIAL MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 8, 2010

AGENDA

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8572-10, appointing Henry J. Angelo as City Manager for the City of Bedford

4. **SWEARING- IN**

- a. Swearing-In of Henry J. Angelo as City Manager for the City of Bedford

5. **COMMENTS**

- a. City Manager Henry J. Angelo

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bedford, Ohio

March 8, 2010

Before the special meeting of Bedford City Council on Monday, March 8, 2010, Mayor Pocek presented a proclamation to Stanley Patrick Pozar on his 90th birthday and it was read in its entirety.

Bedford City Council met in special session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, March 8, 2010. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to appoint Michelle Gnoddie as Acting Clerk of Council. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8572-10, an ordinance appointing Henry J. Angelo as City Manager of the City of Bedford, establishing compensation and declaring an emergency was read in its entirety. Motion made by Batten and seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 8572-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Councilman Batten wishes Mr. Angelo good luck and welcomes him aboard.

Councilman Koci welcomed Mr. Angelo. It is a good day for the City and Mr. Angelo brings a fresh perspective and a different way of doing things. Mr. Angelo is a good fit to the team and Council wants to help him do a good job.

Councilwoman Zolata thanked Mr. Schuman for the outstanding job he has done for the last several months as Acting City Manager. Mrs. Zolata is happy to have Mr. Angelo on board. He will fit right in with our City.

Councilperson Mizesak welcomed Mr. Angelo.

Councilman Pozar congratulated Mr. Angelo. There were 40 sterling applications that were considered over a few weeks. Council interviewed people and anyone of them could have been the City Manager. Mr. Angelo rose to the top for many reasons. Councilman Pozar said Mr. Angelo's distaste for politics was one major element to fit right into a situation that is non political. Councilman Pozar said Mr. Angelo has outstanding credentials especially experience with union negotiations, certifications for the water sewage treatment plant, love of the arts, the improvement of his former city with the amphitheater and the good reputation Mr. Angelo had there.

Councilman Saunders welcomed Mr. Angelo and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Acting City Manager Schuman said Mr. Angelo is coming into a good situation and Bedford is the best community to work for. City Council is totally supportive and committed. The Department Heads are truly dedicated to what they do and the roles they serve. There is a group of employees, who obviously do not always agree with management, but they are always professional no matter what the situation is, are very competent and dedicated to their job. The citizenry is always supportive. The City just passed a

huge levy with the support of the residents. Putting all those elements together, there is no better place to work. Mr. Schuman welcomed Mr. Angelo and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Finance Director Gambosi thanked Mr. Schuman for all the work he has done and looks forward to working with Mr. Angelo and offering him information and assistance.

Michelle Gnoddie said she looks forward to working with Mr. Angelo and is excited he is on board.

Mayor Pocek welcomed Mr. Angelo.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Henry J. Angelo was sworn in as City Manager by Mayor Pocek.

Former City Manager Bob Reid presented City Manager Angelo with his nameplate. Mr. Reid said he was blessed with 34 years of working for the City of Bedford, 25 years with the Police Department and almost 10 years as City Manager. This is an organization that is a team. Council always has said here is the vision of what they want Bedford to be and Council will do everything to back you in that accomplishment.

City Manager Angelo presented Mr. Schuman with a plaque from City Council and the Administration thanking him for his leadership and service during a very critical period in the City of Bedford.

City Manager Angelo said he is positively overwhelmed. The reception has been absolutely fantastic from the day of his interview through this evening. Mr. Angelo thanked Mayor Pocek and City Council for this wonderful swearing-in ceremony and a special thank you to the City staff that put this together. He thanked the City employees in attendance and those elected officials present and appreciates the time they took to be here. Mr. Angelo introduced elected officials from Trumbull County.

Mr. Angelo has been married for 35 years, to his wife, Chris, and they have two children, both of whom are married and have children. Mr. Angelo introduced members of his family and friends.

Each of us has dreams. I am a first generation Italian. My mother was born here and my father was born in Italy. They settled in Warren, Ohio because of the steel mills. My father worked in the mills and two of my three brothers and I had jobs in the mills. Our parents wanted something more for us. Education was stressed and college wasn't an option, it was a necessity according to my parents. I went to college and later obtained a degree in Masters of Public Administration always figuring that someday I would be a city manager. Somewhere along the line, my younger brother, Joe, and I got involved in politics. Joe became a councilman and later Trumbull County Commissioner. I, through the efforts of my family and a lot of good friends, ran for Mayor and served two terms in Warren. I thought being the Mayor was a dream come true. I had no idea that there would still be opportunities to be a city manager and create and live that dream. I never stopped pursuing that dream. Tonight that dream comes true for me and my family in Bedford, Ohio. I want to thank the Mayor and the City Council for having enough faith in me to have this opportunity and this challenge.

Looking at the City of Bedford, I see some of the same problems facing Bedford that are facing some of the other cities in Ohio and across the United States. I also see that the leadership in Bedford took some strong steps to avoid a meltdown that is occurring across the county. Mayor Pocek, City Council, City Manager Ken Schuman, and a host of others took the lead in getting a

safety levy passed. I would be remiss if I did not thank former City Manager Bob Reid for laying the groundwork for a solid foundation of trust and support from the citizens of Bedford who passed a safety levy to the tune of 71 percent. Most of the hard work has been done and I am grateful. But now comes the task of ensuring the citizens of Bedford that what they were told, what they were led to believe, and what they did expect will come to fruition. That the decisions of Council will attest what the citizens voted for. That the money given to the City will ensure that the safety forces are working and that the excellent services that the citizens of Bedford have come to expect will continue.

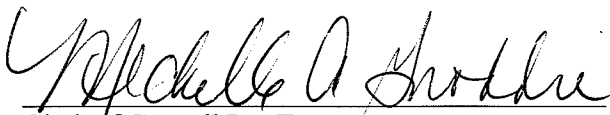
When I interviewed for this position, besides from telling Council what I accomplished in my tenure as Mayor, I also explained what they could expect from me as City Manager. I value input. I value what Council and the Department Heads want and need to do. I value citizens' input and what they believe Bedford should be doing and their right as stakeholders in how Bedford should be managed and their commenting of the quality of services given to them. I value the employees' input and what their union brothers and sisters are saying about what is fair and what is equitable. I understand there may be differences and disagreements along the way. How boring life would be if we agreed on everything. I want our differences to be valid discussions on how we can best serve those who pay our wages, constructive criticism of what constitutes better, more efficient avenues, and discuss the needs of sharing of information and facts. That is, we all need to be on the same page when we discuss what money is available and how it is to be spent.

As most would readily agree, Bedford is a great place to work and raise a family. We need to work on those issues that will make us even a better place. A place that draws young families and new businesses and one that provides opportunities for our children. A financially strong city, partnered with a strong school system, is fundamental to the future of Bedford. The reality of the situation is there is no magic wand to be waved, but the willingness and determination of individuals pulling together for the common good of each other. This is what I signed on for and this is what I am asking each of you to bring to the table. A lot has been done and more needs to be done. Ask yourself what part you will play to securing the future of the City of Bedford. I thank you so very much. God bless you.

Introductions were made of elected officials, City of Bedford staff, members of the business community, and others in the audience.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.


Clerk of Council Pro-Tem


Mayor – President of Council